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1. Between 1 and 5 September 1950 the Reiter Kaserne, Parchim (H 54/T 74), was occupied by only a guard detail who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Only a few windows besides those of the guardhouse were lighted at night.

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2. The Neue Heimat Settlement had been released by the Soviets and returned to the German people. The officers who had been billeted there moved to the former sanatorium on the extension of Invalidenstrasse.
3. The Landratsamt housed the German Kreis administration and was not occupied by troops.
4. Civilians lived in the released Kasino (mess and club building) on Buchholzallee.
5. On 1 September 1950 the Soviet Komendatur moved from the Wall Hotel to the former Bezirkskommando on Karl Marx Strasse, formerly Friedrich Franzstrasse. The Wall Hotel was then used by Kreis police headquarters and the first police precinct.
6. The former Reich Labor Service barracks on Ludwigsstrasse still housed a Soviet armory with which two officers and 20 to 25 men were observed. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Little work was done at the armory at the beginning of September 1950. A tank cupola was suspended from a block and tackle, and a gun of about 50 mm caliber was parked in the yard.
7. The Soviet post bakery was still located on Hammerweg. With the exception of one storage shed, the Soviets had vacated the "Konsum" (cooperative stores) depot on Hammerweg and returned it to the Konsum.

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8. A rear unit of about 100 soldiers with tank insignia was observed in the new section of the Reiter Kaserne between 1 and 15 September 1950. [REDACTED] was seen in the billeting area. Laborers said that the old section of the installation was occupied by a tank company and an administrative staff of about 60 officers. Only nine windows were lighted at night.

9. The section of Brunnenstrasse which was previously occupied by a headquarters and the buildings on Kammadenstrasse were returned to the civilians about 1 August 1950.

10. The **military court** moved from Buchholzallee about six months before, leaving on Buchholzallee only a Soviet military merchandise section, the billets of the post commander and two other unidentified buildings requisitioned for an undetermined purpose.

11. The Soviet **komendatura** moved to 14 Karl Marx Strasse about 1 September 1950. *

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